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¶11. (U) Ambassador Bailey and Canadian Ambassador Poulin jointly delivered ref A invitation to Latvian MOD Slakteris July 5. Slakteris pledged to send a representative to the conference in Budapest, but given the minister's trip to Washington the following week, it might be at a rather low level. DATT passed ref B information to the ministry on July 7, but the GOL has not yet identified its participant.

¶12. (U) Comment: The MOD is stretched thin with planning for the NATO Summit and the minister's trip to Washington, and normal summer leave reducing the number of available bodies to send. We will provide attendee information when available.

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